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The Honorable Lacey E. Putney, Chairman Benefits Study for VRS and Public Safety Officers Post Office Box 127 Bedford, Virginia 24523

Dear Lacey:

I wanted to write expressing my support and ask of your consideration regarding House Bill 1229: Law Officers' Retirement System; includes agents of the Department of Corrections.

The bill includes a small group of internal investigators of the Department of Corrections that perform like duties to those officers already covered under the Virginia Law Officers' Retirement System (VALORS). Having reviewed the job description of these Special Agents of the Department of Corrections and the bill; it is my interpretation that the agents are performing similar duties as other officers included in VALORS, it seems not only adequate but suitable to include them in VALORS.

Please give due consideration to include this legislation as we make recommendations to improve the Virginia Retirement System. Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter. Please do not hesitate to call if you have questions.

Sincerely,

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